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SUBJ: INTERESTED PARTY MESSAGE: LOVETT R. SMITH

REF: STATE 194678

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES PROBLEM IN DEPT. GENERATED BY SERIES OF CABLES TO AND FROM MR. SMITH, AND HAD ALREADY TAKEN ACTION TO DISCONTINUE PRACTICE PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL, ON BASIS EMBASSY COULD NOT HANDLE COMMUNICATIONS FOR ALL US FIRMS IN EGYPT, COULD NOT PROVIDE FAVORED TREATMENT FOR ONE FIRM, AND THIS WAS MISUSE OF INTERESTED PARTY CHANNEL.

2. SMITH MAINTAINS THAT EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICER (WILLIAM HALL) HAD MADE COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES FOR HIS USE, (WE DOUBT HALL MADE ANY OPEN-ENDED COMMITMENT). HIS REACTION TO OUR DECISION TO TERMINATE THE PRACTICE WAS SOMETHING SHORT OF GOOD-NATURED. BUT BELIEVE HE NOW UNDERSTANDS REASONS FOR OUR ACTION.

3. DUE TO HALL'S DEPARTURE, WE ARE UNSURE HOW SMITH INITIALLY BEGAN USING OUR CHANNELS. WE REGRET ANY INCONVENIENCE TO DEPT. AND SMITH, BUT BELIEVE SITUATION IS NOW IN ORDER. SUGGEST CENTRAL TECHNOLOGY ALSO BE ADVISED.
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